MR. SPEAKER: He is going to make a statement at 4 o'clock.

SHRI FRANK ANTHONY: So far as the Mandal Commisison is concerned, I only wanted to say.....

MR. SPEAKER: That is over. We have gone to the other item.

SHRI FRANK ANTHONY: I had opposed it and Indira Gandhi had congratulated me for refusing to allow .....(*Interruptions*) She said that left to herself she would like the backwards to be taken out of the social vocabulary.....

MR. SPEAKER: We have gone to the other item.

13.11 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

[*English*]

(i) Need to keep in abeyance the implementation of interim-order of Cauvery Water Dispute Tribunal

SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI (Ballary): The Cauvery Waters Dispute Tribunal has passed an interim order to let out 205 TMC ft. of Cauvery water every year to Tamilnadu. The area under irrigation in Karnataka itself is very less compared to Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh. If the above interim order is implemented, it would lessen the existing area under irrigation and the entire progress of Karnataka will be stopped. The ryots of Karnataka will be completely ruined. This order is unscientific and unreasonable. Already there is widespread discontent and protest against the interim order of the above Tribunal. I, therefore, urge upon the Government not to implement the above interim order and keep the interim order in abeyance and allow for bilateral settlement of the dispute.

[*Translation*]

(ii) Need to increase the amount of compensation payable to farmers of Barsinghsar, Rajasthan, whose lands were acquired for lignite based thermal plant

SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH (Bikaner): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Government had sanctioned the proposal to set up a lignite based thermal plant in Basi Barsinghsar and the former Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi was scheduled to lay the foundation stone of the project in October 1989, but somehow it did not take place at that time.

The issue of payment of compensation to the farmers of Basi Barsinghsar, for the land acquired from them has also become a burning problem, because the farmers are being paid a very meagre compensatory amount of Rs. 2500/- including interest for every bigha of land.

Basi Barsinghsar village is located very close to Bikaner city and the lands of this village touch the outskirts of the city of Bikaner. Therefore, the market rate for this prime land is Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 15,000 per bigha. Secondly, the farmers of this village do not possess more than 10-15 bighas of land. Therefore, the compensation amount of Rs. 2500/- per bigha is too less, because the farmers who leave the village and purchase land in other areas would be left without any means of livelihood.

Therefore, the Government of India should review its decision on the amount of compensation.

(iii) Need to give clearance for setting up gas based power plants in Madhya Pradesh

SHRI SARTAJ SINGH (Hoshangabad): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that a partisan approach is being adopted

[Sh. Sartaj Singh]

so far as setting up of Gas-based power plants on the H.B.J pipeline route in Madhya Pradesh is concerned. The H.B.J Gas pipeline passes through approximately 550 kilometres in Madhya Pradesh The Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board had forwarded proposals to the Union Government for setting up gas-based power plants, but the Union Government did not give its approval to even a single proposal, although it has sanctioned the setting up of 8 power plants in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat and Rajasthan It is obvious from this that Madhya Pradesh is being discriminated against.

The proposals include the setting up of Power Plants with a capacity of 550 Megawatt each in Jhabua, Rajgarh, Guna and Gwalior districts. The HBJ pipeline passes through all these four districts. The setting up of these power plants would not only accelerate the development process in Madhya Pradesh, but also considerably reduce the power shortage faced by the country. At present, Madhya Pradesh is facing a power shortage of twenty percent which is expected to rise upto thrity-five percent in the next eight years. Therefore, it is very such important that the Union Government give its approval to the proposals for setting up these gas based power plants. Although the gas pipe line passes through 550 kilometres of Madhya Pradesh, it has been allowed to utilise only ten percent of the gas, while Uttar Pradesh has been given a lion's share of sixty-six percent. It is requested that this anomaly be rectified, as early as possible.

(iv) Need to set up industries in Dhanduka, Viramgam, Chholera of Ahmedabad district, Gujarat

SHRI RATILAL VARMA (Dhanduka): Mr. Speaker, Sir, drought is a regular feature in Dhanduka, Viramgam and Chholera areas of Ahmedabad district and also in Gadhada district. As a result of this, the rural folk are forced to migrate to the cities. Therefore, I request the hon. Industry Minister to see to it that some or the other industry is set up in these districts with the assistance of the Union Government to provide means of livelihood to poverty stricken villagers of that area. Our Government is committed to the upliftment of the poorer sections of the society I hope that the necessary provision would be made in the Budget for the current year

[*English*]

(v) Need for early repairing of Jokodia dam or river Brahmani

SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS (Jajpur). Sir, Jokodia Dam was constructed during the British period on the river Brahmani As a result it was helping not only in transportation from Chandabali to Cuttack on boat but also vast areas of Cuttack and Balasore districts were getting irrigation.

Subsequently this dam has become non-functional At present the water of Rengali dam passes through the Brahmani into the sea By repairing Jakodia dam the surplus water of the river can be utilised for irrigating lakhs and lakhs acres of land of Rasalpur, Bari and Jajpur Blocks of Jajpur Sub-division.

Apart from this the surplus water may also pass through the river Baitarani As a result the irrigated areas of Jajpur sub-division can yield double-crops by getting enough water from the dam at Rudhia on the river Baitarani.

I urge upon the Central Government to help and take quick steps for implementating this project

(vi) Need to ameliorate the lot of workers of Coal mining industry

SHRI HARADHAN ROY (Asansol): Sir, the coal mining industry which supplies major part of energy does not show adequate growth despite large dose of mechanisation in